Extending Custmoms Clearance and Port-Facilities for Nepalese Goods

*543. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government during recent Nepalese Prime Minister's visit to New t)elhi agreed to extend additional customs clearance and port facilities for Nepalese goods in transit;

(b) if so, on what precise terms; and

(c) how it is likely to affect India's trade and export-prospects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The further improvements in the transit regime for Nepal have been agreed on terms as below:

i) Nepal's trade in transit to have the facility of the additional ports of Kandla and Bombay and on the same terms as are available to Indian nationals, subject to the transit of goods taking place in customs sealed containers *via* shortest designated railway routes.

ii) Provision of additional facilities for customs clearance at Raxaul for Nepal's trade in transit which is containerised under customs seal from/to Kandla, Bombay and Calcutta.

(c) It is not likely to affect India's trade and export prospects.

Decision to Allow Cement Industry to own Coal Mines

*544. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goemment have decided to allow the cement industry to own coal mines for captive consumption;

(b) if so, the places where these mines are likely to be located and the anticipated cost and time likely to be taken in setting up these mines; and

(c) the manner in which it would affect the earnings of the Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries which were earlier supplying coal to the cement industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Products marketed by APEDA

*545. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the new products of processed foods marketed during the last three years by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA);

(b) what is the total value of these exports;

(c) what is the establishment cost of this Authority;

(d) the necessity of having the authority; and

(e) whether any review of the work done by this Authority has been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is a promotional body entrusted with the development and promotion of export of products coming under its schedule. It does not undertake direct marketing of any products.

(b) Total value of exports of products coming under the APEDA schedule during 1993-94 was Rs. 1753.23 crores.

(c) The total staff expenditure of the Authority during 1993-94 was Rs. 51.28 lakhs.

(d) Besides the need for requisite infrastructural facilities, promotion of exports in selected agriculture items requires a combination of inputs at the production, post harvest processing and marketing stages. There is need for a body that can focus on these requirements in an integrated manner.

(e) The work of APEDA is periodically reviewed by the members of the Authority and the Ministry. Its work load has also been assessed by the Internal Work Study Unit of this Ministry.

Human Resource Development Activities ndertaken by IIFT

*546. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDWA JICHKAR:
SHRI JACIR SINGH DARD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what activities of human resource development have been undertaken by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade;

(b) what publications are brought out by the Institute;

(c) whether complimentary copies of the 'Foreign Trade Review' and "Monthly Foreign Trade Bulletin" will be supplied to interested Members of Parliament on their request;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) in view of the changing context of Indian national trade how this Institute propose to involve the Members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade is entrusted with the responsibility of taking up training and research activities in the field of international trade. To import and to upgrade the skills of the people intending to specialise or already engaged in foreign trade, the Institute conducts the following programmes:—

(1) Full-time Two-year (4 semesters) Master Programme in International Business (MPIB);

(2) Six-Month Post Graduate Diploma Programme in International Trade (PGDP);

(3) One-Year part-time Executive[1] Masters in International Trade Programme (EMIT);

(4) Four-Month (Part-time) Certificate Course in Export Marketing;

(5) Three-Month (Part-time) Certificate Course in Shipping & Documentation for Foreign Trade Managers;

(6) Executive Programmes for the Personnel of Public and Private Sector Companies and Officials of the Government Departments;

(7) It also conducts training programmes sponsored by International Trade Centre, United Nations Council for Trade & Development (UNCTAD), Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), GATT (Now World Trade Organisation) and Commonwealth Secretariat etc. These training programmes are meant mainly for the participants from the developing countries.

(b) The Institute regularly publishes its periodicals — Foreign Trade Review (Quarterly) and Foreign Trade Bulletin (Monthly). In addition, it has published reports relating to Overseas Market Survey/Country Studies, Research Studies, Seminar Reports and occasional papers.

(c) and (d) At present complimentary copies of the Foreign Trade Reveiw and Monthly Foreign Trade Bulletin are not